

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 905, which would authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to extend the currently authorized 60-working-day period of eligibility for child care when the parents of a family are seeking employment, by an additional 60-working days.

I am sympathetic to the need of these parents to maintain state subsidized child care, especially in areas with disproportionately high numbers of seasonal employment. However, I am also cognizant of the cost pressures associated with allowing the SPI to have this discretion, and the displacement of other families currently on the waiting list for child care. Therefore, I am encouraging the SPI to act judiciously in granting these extensions, taking into account any pressure on the State's current operating deficit and the impact on families who are expecting to get off the existing waiting list.

With that understanding, I am signing this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger